

Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project
Advisory Group and Interested Parties

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RE: Age of People Served by Mental Health and Substance Abuse Programs

The attached page provides a graphic overview of the caseload of mental health and substance abuse programs at CMHCs in Vermont during FY2000 in terms of the age of the people served. The graph presents the number of people in each age (0 through 99) who were served by each program during the year. The largest single age group, for instance, was 17-year olds. Most of these young people (about 900) were Children's Services clients, but another 200 or so were clients of Substance Abuse programs, and about 20 were Adult Outpatient clients. The number of people served then declines precipitously to the age of 27. Less than 500 27-year olds were served. The largest number of 27-year olds were Adult Outpatient clients (about 225), less than 200 were Substance Abuse clients, 33 were listed as clients of children's services programs (parents?), and 25 were CRT clients.

We have found this to be something of a Rorschach Test. Different people see different things in it.

We will appreciate hearing your observations, interpretations, and ideas about implications to 802-241-2638 or jpandiani@ddmhs.state.vt.us.

Number of People Served by Age and Program Assignments: FY 2000

